



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Rudolf Neumann **Examiner:** Justin Mitchell Krause
Application No.: 10/623,201 **Confirmation No.:** 2842
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For: HYDRO FILL CONTROLLING SHIELD AND SLEEVE
FOR A HYDRODYNAMIC BEARING

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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 6, 2006

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated March 6, 2006, Applicant hereby submits the following:

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS are reflected under the heading Listing of Claims, beginning on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 5 of this paper.